

Board Seeks Viet Benefits

Congressional action to provide Viet Nam veterans with the same benefits received by veterans of World War II and Korea is being sought by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn, chairman of Military and Veterans Affairs for the county, said there are more than 900,000 veterans in this area.

On his motion, the Board of Supervisors has urged Congress to adopt legislation giving the men and women who served in Viet Nam and other current war zones the same rights and privileges as earlier veterans benefit acts provided persons who served during other wars.

"A recently enacted Veterans Benefit Act of 1966 provides Viet Nam veterans with some of the benefits of other veterans, but not all," Hahn said.

HAHN POINTED out that under the Constitution only Congress can declare war. "However," he said, "the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, can order hundreds of thousands of American servicemen into action to meet the crises in Viet Nam."

"Even though Viet Nam is not a declared war, the bullets strike just as deeply, the wounds are just as serious, and the sacrifice of American families is just as great as any war in which our nation has ever been involved," Hahn said.

Earlier, on Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors went on record asking the State Legislature to allow Viet Nam veterans the \$1,000 property assessment exemption now granted to other veterans.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- The federal government does not reimburse the family of a Viet Nam veteran for burial expenses.
- The Viet Nam veteran is not entitled to a GI business loan.
- The Viet Nam veteran is not eligible for "mustering

Another innovation is a white fibreglass ceiling with plasticized panels removable for cleaning.

COMPLEMENTING the kitchen's main meal preparation setting are areas for sewing, laundry, package wrapping, and dish storage.

A hobby center is included along with a push-button gas fireplace in a wall paneled with rich teak wood.

A modern gas range and eye-level oven, plus a second oven beneath the top burners, is located against one wall, separated from the sink by Inca green ceramic tile countertops. A dishwasher is nearby.

THE DRAMATIC island houses a second gas cook top, a gas grill for barbecuing, and handy gas griddle. Circling the island and prevalent throughout the kitchen are custom teak wood cabinets by Purdian.

Small appliances, such as blenders, mixers, and toasters can be stored in a special cabinet beneath the island.

Kitchen Exhibit Shows 101-Plus Design Ideas

A lavishly accessorized Balanced Power kitchen, revealing 101-plus design ideas, will be unveiled at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona Friday.

Countless Southland housewives and guests who will tour the 600 sq. ft. "Kitchen of 101-Plus Ideas" will witness a completely equipped facility that is even stocked with canned goods in custom slide-out cabinets.

Situated at the east end of the Fair Grounds in the Kitchen Carnival Building, the colorfully appointed kitchen provides a pleasant atmosphere for guests during warm days via a modern gas air conditioning system.

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In Los Angeles

Daily Increase Tops Original Population

"Every 75 minutes—day and night—the Los Angeles area gains a net population equal to its original population," noted Conrad C. Jamison, vice president and economist with Security First National Bank, in commemorating the 185th anniversary of "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula."

Los Angeles was founded in 1781—just five years after the Declaration of Independence—with a name nearly as large as its original citizenry. There were 44 persons in the original party which settled around what was soon to be the city's Plaza area.

"The little band had no idea how many people would follow, of course," Jamison said. "Within a 60-mile radius of the Plaza there are currently well more than 9 million residents."

Since 1960, Jamison reported, an average of more than 300,000 a year have followed the original 44 to make the region the nation's leading growth area, far ahead of either New York or Chicago.

"In the past few years, Los Angeles has gained more population than any of the 50 states, except for California," said Jamison.

"The area has the second largest concentration of purchasing power in the Western Hemisphere. Its total income is greater than that accumulated anywhere else in the half of the world surrounding the Pacific Ocean. Its economic output accounts for half the state total and is nearly 45 per cent of Japan's gross national product. It is the second largest business center in the United States."

Palos Verdes Woman to Head Area Campaign

Mrs. Doris Dana of Palos Verdes Estates has been appointed 46th Assembly District chairman of the Spencer Williams for Attorney General campaign, Los Angeles coordinator of the campaign.

Mrs. Dana will assume responsibility of the 46th district campaign affairs for Williams, the GOP candidate for the state's top law enforcement position.

Private Financing 'Too Easy'—Chace

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has re-affirmed his opposition to private financing of capital projects without a vote of the people.

"Such financing could open the door to irresponsible spending and more long-range indebtedness for the County," Supervisor Chace said.

Chace's remarks came as the Board of Supervisors approved a study into private financing methods for the construction of a civic center in West Covina. Chace cast the only dissenting vote as the issue passed, 4 to 1.

"Where does it stop?" Chace asked. "There has to be a breaking point."

"ARE WE GOING to go on incurring indebtedness and bypassing a vote of the people?"

"Now, more than ever, is the time to take a good look at our financial status," Chace said. "I am anxious that we get on an economy program and stick to it."

"Private financing would make it too easy for us—and other agencies—to incur long-term, heavy debts," the Board Chairman said.

Chace reminded his colleagues that if private financing becomes a policy of the board, it might encourage widespread use among other government agencies.

"THERE ARE a lot of cities watching what we do on this," he said.

"Naturally I prefer to pay for projects as they are built," Chace said. As an example, he cited the Long Beach County building, which was constructed in his Fourth District from budgeted funds over an 8-year period.

"If we need the project and no budget money is available, the voters should make the decision on incurring bonded indebtedness," Chace said.

The third method of financing projects is through the County Retirement Board. These funds are borrowed from the County Employees Retirement Fund at a low interest rate.

"Every Supervisor has made use of this fund for projects in his district," Chace said. "The Retirement Fund is part of the County family and test lawsuits have upheld it as a source of financing."

"The methods of outside financing proposed have not been tested in courts," Chace said.

Chace recently opposed the financing of a Watts area hospital through private sources, particularly since the project had been rejected by voters.

Bumper Sticker Drive Planned

Members of Region 5 "Youth for Reagan" clubs will conduct a bumper-sticker campaign for their candidate throughout the area next Saturday morning, according to Dana Rohrabacher, chairman.

The young Reagan boosters will meet at the Lomita headquarters at 1961 Pacific Coast Hwy. at 10 a.m. Saturday and will visit the areas shopping centers until 1 p.m. and ask people to put Reagan bumper stickers on their vehicles.

Persons interested in joining the campaign may get additional details from the Lomita headquarters.

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